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MEETING, OCT. 3-4

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1. SINCE THIS MEETING TO BE FIRST OF INDEFINITE SERIES AND  
LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON EXPERTS' REPORT  
AT 88TH GROUP MEETING, US DEL AT ITS DISCRETION SHOULD  
SUPPORT PROCEDURES AIMED AT TOUR D'HORIZON OF REPORT'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PURPOSES OBTAINING TENTATIVE VIEWS ON  
THEIR IMPLICATIONS AND POSSIBLE PROBLEMS RAISED BY THEM.

2. ASSUMING IT UNLIKELY THAT NR PRODUCERS WOULD BE WILLING  
DROP PROBLEMATICAL RECOMMENDATIONS AT THIS TIME, DESIRABLE  
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OUTCOME OF MEETING IS THAT COMMITTEE NOT RPT NOT REACH

FINAL DECISIONS ON ANY RECOMMENDATIONS IN EXPERTS' REPORT.

3. IN GENERAL US DEL AT ITS DISCRETION SHOULD AVOID EXCESSIVE VISIBILITY OR LEADERSHIP ROLE AT PRESENT MEETING BUT SUBJECT TO NEEDS OF ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES OUTLINED THIS INSTRUCTION. SINCE WE HAVE OBJECTIONS OR RESERVATIONS ON

VARIOUS PARTS OF ANALYSIS AS WELL AS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF REPORT, US DEL IN ITS STATEMENTS SHOULD AVOID GENERAL ENDORSEMENTS OR MORE THAN PERFUNCTORY (IF NECESSARY) COMPLIMENTS.

4. ONE EXAMPLE OF OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNS SUMMARY PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 8 WHERE THERE EXISTS APPARENT INCONSISTENCY. NOTE THAT NR PRODUCTION (PAGE 18 OF REPORT) ASSUMED TO GROW AT 6 PERCENT PER YEAR WHICH IS FAR ABOVE PAST TREND EVEN ALLOWING FOR EXPANDED USE OF STIMULANTS. HENCE IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER SO-CALLED NON-ISOPREME DEFICIT CAN BE MET BY NR PRODUCTION.

5. TACTICALLY US DEL SHOULD IF NEED ARISES CONCENTRATE ON DISCUSSION OF UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, WITH REGARD TO SUMMARY PARA 17 US SHOULD AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO POSITION OF HAVING TO JUSTIFY EXISTENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PRESENT RUBBER TRADE CHANNELS. INSTEAD DELEGATION SHOULD QUESTION VALIDITY OF PARAS 15 AND 16 ON WHICH PARA 17 RECOMMENDATION RESTS. FOREGOING ALSO APPLIES TO PARA 62 OF REPORT AND UK ENDORSEMENT.

6. RE FAO PROPOSAL FOR INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS, US DEL SHOULD WORK, PREFERABLY BEHIND SCENES, TO HAVE COMMITTEE SIMPLY TAKE NOTE OF THIS GRATUITOUS AND INAPPROPRIATE EXERCISE IN SOPHISTRY. IF NECESSARY FOR RECORD, US DEL MAY MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF COMMODITY AGREEMENT AND RULED IT OUT (PARA 13 AND ANNEX III). (B) EXISTENCE OF IRSG, ASSOCIATION OF NATURAL RUBBER PRODUCING COUNTRIES, INTERNATIONAL RUBBER ASSOCIATION AND INTERNATIONAL RUBBER QUALITY CONTROL ASSOCIATION PRECLUDE NECESSITY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXISTENCE OF FAO-TYPE INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NR. KISSINGER

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